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Garvan McCloskey

presents a special 12-day group departure to

# GARVAN'S MAY 2024 SOUTHERN SWING

May 23 – June 3, 2024



STARTING AT **\$6,000** LAND & AIR per person, based on double occupancy

Single Room Supplement \$2,200 | Airfare via Aer Lingus from JFK | Optional Tripe Insurance Available  
\$250 non refundable deposit required to secure the booking, plus Travel Insurance. Cash, check or credit card accepted.

## Tour Includes:

- Luxury motorcoach to/from Garvans
- In destination, exclusive transport by luxury motorcoach with a driver/guide
- Meet and greet service with one group transfer upon arrival and departure at the airport
- Hotel accommodation based on twin bedded rooms with private bath as listed for 10 nights
- Hotel portorage, service charges and government taxes
- Flight bags, ticket wallets, baggage tags and identifying strap

- Full Breakfasts (11)
- Lunch (5)
- Dinners (7)

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Welcome get-together drink
- Tour of Dublin with a local guide
- South Pole Inn w/Irish coffee
- Guided walking tours of Kinsale & Galway
- Aran Islands & Dun Aengus
- Trad on the Prom Show



Tour Designed and Accompanied by Leonie and Garvan

## HOTELS – 10 Nights

- Westbury Hotel, Dublin (2)
- Great Southern Hotel, Killarney (2)
- Trident Hotel, Kinsale (2)
- Dromoland Castle Hotel, Shannon (1)
- Hardiman Hotel, Galway (3)

To book or for more information, contact:

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This tour is subject to CIE Tours' booking guidelines and cancellation penalties. Refer to General Conditions on your CIE Tours group contract.

# Garvan's May 2024 Southern Swing

## 12-DAY ITINERARY

### Thu, May 23 DEPART THE UNITED STATES

Depart your hometown and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you travel to start your vacation.

### Fri, May 24 DUBLIN ARRIVAL

After landing at Dublin Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities. Your CIE Tours driver/guide will welcome you to Ireland and escort you and your luggage to the coach. Next, stop to have breakfast with your group at Roly's Bistro. Then, continue on to visit Croke Park Museum, Ireland's largest stadium, and home of the Irish sports known as Gaelic football and hurling. Hear about the history of the game and how it is interwoven in Irish culture. You might also like to try your own luck at hitting the ball. While here, also enjoy the skyline tour. Ascend to an above ground walkway and see panoramic views of the city while learning about the landmarks in the distance. Motor a short distance to your hotel, check in and enjoy some free time before joining your fellow travelers for a welcome drink. After, spend the remainder of the day at leisure for individual pursuits and dining.

OVERNIGHT: WESTBURY HOTEL, DUBLIN

### Sat, May 25 DUBLIN SIGHTSEEING

This morning, set off with a local guide who will show you around Dublin. The city has been molded through the centuries by economic, political and artistic influences that has shaped its architecture. Stop to tour Guinness Storehouse to see exhibits on how this world-famous stout was first created and why it is so popular today. Finish your visit in the roof-top bar, where you can sample a draft of Guinness. Head back to your nearby hotel and enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. Later in the day, you might like to freshen up before a festive evening with your group.

Tonight, join your fellow travelers for tasteful cuisine prepared with the finest ingredients at Fallon and Byrne Restaurant.

OVERNIGHT: WESTBURY HOTEL, DUBLIN

### Sun, May 26 DUBLIN TO KILLARNEY

Leaving Dublin, travel into County Tipperary for photos of the Rock of Cashel. These majestic church ruins are clustered high on a limestone outcrop overlooking the surrounding countryside. Then, head to a local venue to enjoy an authentic Irish lunch with your fellow travelers. Continue your drive into Blarney, where you can climb the battlements of Blarney Castle and kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence." Transfer to your hotel in Killarney, check in and settle in your room. This evening, meet your group for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: GREAT SOUTHERN HOTEL, KILLARNEY

### Mon, May 27 DINGLE PENINSULA DRIVE

Today, drive into the village of Annascaul and stop at the South Pole Inn to enjoy an Irish coffee and learn about the Antarctic explorer, Tom Crean. After, have lunch with your fellow travelers before setting off to discover the beauties of the Dingle Peninsula, once described by the National Geographic Traveler as "the most beautiful place on earth." Travel along the south shore of the peninsula for plenty of vistas of heathery mountains, sandy stretches of beach, stunning green landscapes and rocky headlands. Pause at strategic locations to admire the views and take photos. Continue on to Sleat Head at the western tip of the peninsula. This excursion will give you excellent views of mountains and coastline and looking over to the Iveragh Peninsula. Return to your hotel in Killarney in time to dine in the hotel restaurant with your group.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: GREAT SOUTHERN HOTEL, KILLARNEY

### Tue, May 28 JAMESON MIDDLETON DISTILLERY

Departing Killarney, journey into Middleton and stop to visit the Old Middleton Distillery. Discover how whiskey is made as you walk through the old buildings. At the end of your tour, enjoy a sample of the finished product. Next, drive into Cork and embark on a guided walking tour of the city. See Shandon Church, a famous Cork landmark dating from 1722 and Crawford Art Gallery. Also, view Paul Street, known for its trendy restaurants and shops of all types. Stop to have lunch with your group before continuing your journey into Kinsale. Upon arrival, check into your hotel, settle into your room and spend the rest of the day free for independent activities and dining.

OVERNIGHT: TRIDENT HOTEL, KINSALE

### Wed, May 29 KINSALE SIGHTSEEING

After breakfast, set off on a brief walking tour with a local guide to learn the history of Kinsale. The town has been a favorite for artists due to its steep, narrow streets, quirky shopfronts and many fine Georgian houses. Today, it is renowned as "the gourmet capital," of Ireland as there are many award-winning restaurants and pubs. Stop to visit the Garden of Remembrance to honour the many firemen who lost their lives during 9/11. Then, continue on to visit Charles Fort, which was constructed in the late 17th century on the site of an earlier coastal fortification. As one of the largest military forts in the country, Charles Fort has been associated with some of the most momentous events in Irish history. Return to your hotel and enjoy some time at leisure before joining your group for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: TRIDENT HOTEL, KINSALE

### Thu, May 30 BUNRATTY FOLK PARK

This morning, drive into Bunratty to visit the Bunratty Folk Park, which comprises a collection of farmhouses from different regions of Ireland. Also, see a 19th century village street with a pub, school, general store and many other buildings where traditional lifestyles and crafts are demonstrated. After your visit, continue your journey into Shannon and check into Dromoland Castle Hotel, one of Ireland's finest castle hotels. It is one of the few castle hotels that can trace its ownership back through history to Gaelic Irish families of royal heritage. The castle offers all guests deluxe accommodation and the experience of living as "Landed Gentry." Spend the balance of the afternoon relaxing in this lavish setting. In the evening, meet your fellow travelers for a superb dinner in Dromoland Castle's fine restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: DROMOLAND CASTLE HOTEL, SHANNON

### Fri, May 31 CLIFFS OF MOHER

Leaving Shannon, drive along the coast of scenic County Clare and stop to visit the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most beloved, natural landmarks. See magical vistas, overlooking the shimmering Atlantic Ocean along with Ireland's Western coastline. After your visit, travel into Doolin and stop at McGann's Pub to have lunch with fellow travelers before driving through the Burren, an area of rocky limestone hills where several unique flowers thrive. This region also contains many dolmens, prehistoric monuments formed by large limestone slabs. Continue your journey into Galway, check into your hotel and settle into your room. Tonight, have dinner in the hotel restaurant with your group.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: HARDIMAN HOTEL, GALWAY

### Sat, June 1 ARAN ISLANDS

Today, take a short ferry ride from Rossaveal to Inis Mor, the largest of the three Aran Islands. These rocky islands are renowned for the hardy islanders who maintained traditional fishing and farming. The Irish language is still spoken widely. Next, take a minibus ride to Dun Aengus, a huge pre-historic fortress perched on sheer cliffs, which fall away to the Atlantic Ocean below. Have a look around Kilronan before stopping to have lunch at a local restaurant or pub. Return to your hotel in Galway for a free evening.

OVERNIGHT: HARDIMAN HOTEL, GALWAY

### Sun, June 2 GALWAY SIGHTSEEING

After breakfast, join a local guide for a gentle walking tour of Galway. See the medieval city walls, Lynch's Castle and the narrow streets. Return to your hotel, where the remainder of the afternoon is at leisure. You might like to relax or freshen up before this evening's farewell festivities.

This evening, head to Ruibin Bar & Restaurant to enjoy a traditional Irish dinner with your group. Then, continue to a local venue for a night of Irish entertainment at the Trad on the Prom Show, which features the best of Irish music, song and dance.

OVERNIGHT: HARDIMAN HOTEL, GALWAY

### Mon, June 3 RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

All too soon, your vacation has come to its final day. Transfer to Shannon Airport in good time to check in for your flight. You may do some last minute shopping at the duty free stores before boarding your aircraft and flying back to the United States.

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